

**Charles Smith to George Washington, August 15, 1758,
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FROM CAPTAIN CHARLES SMITH.

FORT LOUDOUN August 15th. 1758

DR. SIR

I Receiv'd your Favour Augt. 9th. Concerning The Ten Barrels of Flower, I have spoken to Mr. Walker about it he tels me he Dont know as he Receiv'd it or not, but says he will Settle with me as soon as he Gets a Supply of Money as he at this Time Intirely without, Mr. Walker Lyes Extreemly ill with the Rumatizem, I am a Makeing a Letter this Day to Carry him Home.

As it is not in your Power to Supply me with Any more money to Carry on Publick Work at this Place notwithstanding Every Man that is able shall still Labour Sooner than the Building Shall Suffer —

I have Inclos'd a Pay Rol for the Month of July For Subsistance & Working Pay to Mr. Boyd & hav Inclos'd a Recet. to him in your Letter as it will be most Proper for you to Receive the Money & Inclose it in a Letter to me by Boras or some other safe hand¹ —

Your inclos'd Letters I have sent by a Very safe hand, The Soldier you Wrote to me about that come off with the Cherokeys, is now gone with them to their Nation, & was seen Carrying of a New Drum belonging to the Virga. Regt. I have Advertised them but I believe

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to Little Purpose, there is Richd. Bolton and Old Soldier who You Discharged is Returned to this Place & Begs Your Clemency to stay here & Receive subsistance as a Soldier, as he is in a Poor Condition, & no one to Apply to but You, I Should be Glad to know Your Pleasure in this Case — There is four of the Carolina Detachment Left here with me Sick one among them Charles Allsbery a Deserter from the 1st. Virga. Regt. but not being able to march.

The Twenty Raingers Who was Ordered to Garrison This Fort is now a Rainging from this Place to the Head of mill Creek & From there a Cross to Back Creek take their Rout through Hoop Peticoat Gap & Returns to this Place Every two Days Wherein they Give me & Accot. of any Discoveryes made — the Reason to my Leting them Rainge is to Give Satisfaction to the Common sort of People tho I must Needs say it is no Matter where they are for the Good they do only having the Name of Rainger. I Should be Glad of Your Advice in this Case, When any of them Deserts & is Brought Prisoners to me if I Should send for there Officers & have them Tryd there is three of them Prisoners now, Mr. Rutheford & myself took Last Night a Going off with a Party of Indians With there Hair Cut & Painted & Got Presents from Capt. Guest as Indians but I have them now safe —

This Day I have but Fifteen men in the Garrison Fit for Duty out of Fifty Six Rank & File —

Colo. Wood's is Very ill with the Gout but offers his Compliments to You I have nothing Particular to add be sure that I am Dr. Sir

Your Most Obedient Hble. Servt. CHS. SMITH

11 Augt. 1758 Receivd. of Allexd. Boyd Pay Master of the Firs Virga. Regt. the sum of Sixty Eight Pound Eleven Shillings & Ten Pence as Subsistance & Working Pay for the Month of July for the Soldiers Left at Fort Loudoun under the Comd. of Lieut. Chs. Smith. as Witness my hand To Mr. Boyd when the money Receivd.